

# Screening Criteria

## WORKING DRAFT

### Potential Criteria for Screening Preliminary Conceptual Conservation Strategy Alternatives

1. Degree to which the alternative achieves Planning Agreement goals and objectives
2. Degree to which the alternative improves the ecosystem processes that support covered species and their habitats
3. Degree to which the alternative benefits key covered species relative to baseline conditions
4. Relative cost of each alternative to achieve a similar level of species benefits compared to other alternatives
5. Degree of adaptability to address future unforeseen needs of species
6. Potential of the alternative to achieve conservation goals
7. Degree to which an alternative could place the non-covered species at risk
8. Maintain consistency with the purpose and goals of covered activities to allow for their implementation.
9. Minimizes and mitigates to the maximum extent practicable, as appropriate, the take of covered species and provides the basis for issuance of permits consistent with state and federal regulations.
10. The degree to which an alternative affects environmental stressors that affect covered species.